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Vouchers put through for:

	Accepted
E.K. Brown	//
Freeland, C.B.	"
Schierholtz, Mrs. Grace	"
Horan, W.J.	"
Bugnet, Georges	"
Gooding, Mrs. Mary	?
Parker, Mr. Wm.	//
McCorquodale, Mrs. Helen	
Mudiman, Mrs. T.E.	"

Monday July 16th

Norman Soan.
ep barons until am 17th.
Plan call. will present
Report of 1944-45 Writers Conference
at Bard. Have copy Therefor
him.

Monday, July 16

Mr. Godsell call Donald Cameron, Dept. of Extension

R.BK.

July 17.

Write Donald Cameron at Banff--re Writers' Conference about what? Feels he does not have enough information concerning it. Sent copy of programme schedule.

RBK

DEPARTMENT OF EXTENSION

EDMONTON, ALBERTA
CANADA

Banff School of Fine Arts,
Banff, Alta.

July 28, 1945.

Mr. P.H. Godsell, F.R.G.S.,
Director of Folklore,
Dept. of Fine Arts,
University of Alberta,
Edmonton, Alta.

Dear Mr. Godsell:

I was glad to get your letter of July 23rd, as I had made several attempts to get in touch with you while in Edmonton but was unsuccessful. There are a number of matters I would like, therefore, to talk over with you before coming to Banff, and I am hoping that you are planning to be here for the Writers' Conference. Miss Kiefer has not supplied me with any information with regard to the Writers' Conference, and I must confess that I have been very much in the dark about it. Although I am a member of the Fine Arts Committee, the matter was never discussed at any meeting which I was at, and I would, therefore, appreciate it if you would give me whatever information you can, first - as to whether or not you are going to be here - I hope you will be, and secondly, as to what advance arrangements, if any, we should make here.

Mr. King gave me a number of vouchers signed by Mr. Gard, and made out in favour of a number of writers such as Mr. George Burnet and Mr. W.J. Horan, etc. I presume these are people who have been selected to receive assistance this year, but that is the only information I have had about the matter and a good many people have been writing in here for information. You will realize that in view of the fact that the Writers' Conference is a part of the Banff School, that I have been somewhat concerned about the situation.

I had made arrangements for Dr. Brown and Dr. Conkle to take some part in the conference and was naturally concerned to know whether or not any people were going to be here.

I hope that we may have an opportunity of discussing the whole project in some detail at the first opportunity. In the meantime I trust that you have fully recovered from your hospitalization and that we may look forward to having you with us in Banff.

Yours sincerely,

Donald Cameron

DONALD CAMERON
DIRECTOR.

DC/JK

DEPARTMENT OF EXTENSION

EDMONTON, ALBERTA
CANADA

Banff School of Fine Arts,
BANFF, Alta.

July 30, 1945.

Mr. P.H. Godsell, F.R.G.S.,
Director of Folklore,
Dept. of Fine Arts,
University of Alberta,
Edmonton, Alta.

Dear Mr. Godsell:

Dr. Conkle and those in the Short Story class are very anxious to have whatever native materials have been gathered in the Folklore project, made available to the Short Story and Play-writing class as soon as possible. It was part of our agreement with the Rockefeller people that this material should be made available to the students of the Banff School of Fine Arts, and I would appreciate it if you would see that anything that could be sent down, apart from rare documents which could not be replaced, should be sent.

In order to be of most value to the class, they should have the opportunity of reading it as soon as possible.

Thanking you, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Donald Cameron

DONALD CAMERON
DIRECTOR.

DC/JK

August 1st, 1945.

Donald Cameron, Esq.,
Director,
Banff School of Fine Arts,
Banff, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Cameron:-

Replying to your letter of the 20th ulto., I am taking the liberty of passing a copy of this onto Dr. Newton as the material required for the Short Story and Playwriting class is in Dr. Newton's possession, and I would suggest that you communicate with him in regard to this.

I am sending you twenty-five copies of the Alberta Writers' Conference time table which you might like to pass around for the information of those interested. Also, I am sending you a copy of last year's report of the Committee, which you might like to post on the bulletin board of the Banff School of Fine Arts so that those attending will get a general idea of what it is all about.

Mr. Woodsell is out of town for a day or two, but will reply to your letter(20th ulto.)immediately upon his return on Friday.

Sincerely,

Secretary,
(For) Philip H. Godsell, F.R.G.S.
Director Alberta Folklore &
Local History Project.

Dr. R. Newton, President, University of Alberta.
Philip H. Godsell, Alberta Folklore.

August 1st, 1945.

Dear Dr. Newton:-

I herewith enclose copy of a letter received from Mr. Donald Cameron as I understand the material in question in in your possession.

In the Banff School of Fine Arts booklet for this year there is a paragraph on page No. 13 ~~there appears the following:-~~ as follows:-

"The Alberta Folklore, Local History and Playwriting Project will sponsor an Alberta Writers' Conference at Banff for ten days, commencing Monday August 14th. The Conference will be attended by a number of leading Alberta writers, and during the course of the Conference, materials collected by the Folklore and Local History Project will be examined and definite plans made for their use in creative form....."

I have written to Mr. Cameron, suggesting that he communicate direct with you in regard to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Philip H. Godsell. F.R.G.S.

Letter:-

Encls.

Donald Cameron
Banff School of Fine Arts.
Philip [illegible]. Godsell.

August 16, 1945.

Dear Mr. Cameron:

Further to our letter of August 13th, we have forwarded today by express prepaid a volume which we have just received from the bindery, "Southern Alberta, History and Tale" for use at the Writers' Conference.

We would ask you to sign and return one copy of the attached inventory.

Yours very truly,

Philip [illegible]. Godsell, F.R.G.S.
Director, Alberta Folklore & Local History.

per

TK

INVENTORY

To [illegible], Banff, Alberta, August 16, 1945, in care of Dr. Donald Cameron, Banff School of Fine Arts, from the Alberta Folklore and Local History Project, University of Alberta. This material to be returned to this office as soon as possible after the termination of the Conference on August 25th.

Bound Volume:

1. Southern Alberta History and Tale.

Sent: Philip A. Darrell, F.R.C.S.
Director, Alberta Folklore and
Local History Project.

per:

Received: _____

Donald Cameron, Director,
Banff School of Fine Arts.

Date: _____

DX

August 13, 1945.

Mr. Donald Cameron, Director,
Banff School of Fine Arts,
BANFF, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Cameron:

With reference to your request for materials from the Alberta Folklore and Local History Project for use at the Writers' Conference, we are today forwarding by express prepaid four volumes as listed on the attached inventory. Would you kindly sign one copy of the inventory and return to us.

As you know, all the original bound copies of materials collected thus far are in the possession of the President to be deposited permanently in the University archives where it may be consulted. The materials we are sending are all we have available for such use at the present time.

Yours sincerely,

Philip [illegible]. Goddell, [illegible].B.G.S.
Director, Alberta Folklore &
Local History Project.

RK

per

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Bound Volumes (2nd Copies)

1. Alberta Tradition--by Robert E. Gard.
2. Sayings and Tales from the Bye Gones.
3. In the Foothills of the Rockies--by F.G. Mundy

Unbound: Bulletin Reference File, 3rd copy.

Sgd: Philip E. Godsell, F.R.S.A.
Director, Alberta Folklore & Local History Project.

DK

per:

Received: _____

Donald Cameron, Director,
Banff School of Fine Arts.

Date: _____

DEPARTMENT OF EXTENSION

EDMONTON, ALBERTA
CANADA

Banff School of Fine Arts,
Banff, Alta.

AUGUST 3, 1945.

Mrs. Jean W. Godsell,
for Philip H. Godsell, F.R.G.S.,
Director, Alberta Folklore &
Local History Project,
Department of Fine Arts,
University of Alberta,
Edmonton, Alta.

Dear Mrs. Godsell:

This will acknowledge with thanks your letter of August 1st, which advises that you referred my letter of the 30th to Dr. Newton, and advising that we should ask him to have the Alberta Folklore material sent down to Banff. I am doing this by today's mail.

I wish to acknowledge with thanks 25 copies of the Alberta Writers' Conference time table and also copy of last year's report of the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Donald Cameron

DONALD CAMERON
DIRECTOR.

DC/JK

Memo:-

Ascertain from Miss Keifer which are - or is - the unbound copy of Folklore material referred to by Mr. Newton in his memo Aug.3/45.

Does this refer to the files on second shelf in cupboard, or to material filed in black binders, inclusive of those marked "TO" and "For" on table.....

When ascertained, list inventory of same and forward, express collect, to Donald Cameron at Banff, at earliest possible opportunity.... advising him, under separate cover - enclosing duplicate list of material sent..... one copy to be receipted and returned. And request that samebe returned to this office as soon as possible at the expiration of the Writers' Conference.

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

TO Mr. P. H. Godsell DATE August 3, 1945

FROM The President

Dear Mr. Godsell:

I have your letter of August 1 enclosing a letter to you from Mr. Donald Cameron, dated July 30, with regard to getting the use of Folklore material for the Short Story and Playwriting class at Banff.

Just before he left, Mr. Gard brought in a series of bound volumes of material, which he stated had been typewritten in duplicate, one copy to be kept in the Folklore office for working purposes, and the bound copy to be deposited permanently in the University archives. These are not ordinary books but documents which have cost thousands of dollars to prepare, and sound archives practice is to require students to come to the archives to study such material rather than expose it to risk of loss by sending it out. The unbound copy kept in your office is intended for use both in editing the Folklore quarterly and for lending to reliable people. Obviously this is the copy which should be sent to Banff for the use of the Short Story class.

You should make a careful inventory of what is sent, and send one copy of the inventory along with the material to Banff. During the period in which this material is away, there is no objection to your borrowing any bound volumes you require from the vault, provided proper receipts are left with my secretary and these volumes are not allowed to go outside your office.

Yours sincerely,

K. Newton

President

DEPARTMENT OF EXTENSION

EDMONTON, ALBERTA
CANADA

Banff School of Fine Arts,
Banff, Alta.

August 16, 1945.

Mr. Phillip H. Godsell, F.R.G.S.,
Director, Alberta Folklore &
Local History Project,
Department of Fine Arts,
University of Alberta,
Edmonton, Alta.

Dear Mr. Godsell:

This will acknowledge your letter of August 13th and also the four volumes of the Alberta Folklore and Local History material. This material arrived in good condition and I am sending you the signed receipt, herewith.

Yours very truly,

Donald Cameron

DONALD CAMERON
DIRECTOR.

DC/JK

Enc.

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Unbound: Bulletin Reference File, 3rd copy.

Sgd: Philip H. Godsell, F.R.G.S.
Director, Alberta Folklore &
Local History Project.

RK

per: R.B. Kiefer

Received: Donald Cameron

DONALD CAMERON, Director,
Banff School of Fine Arts.

Date: August 15, 1945

DEPARTMENT OF EXTENSION

EDMONTON, ALBERTA
CANADA

Banff School of Fine Arts,
Banff, Alta.

August 18, 1945.

Mr. Philip H. Godsell, F.R.G.S.,
Director, Alberta Folklore &
Local History,
Department of Fine Arts,
University of Alberta,
Edmonton, Alta.

Dear Mr. Godsell:

This will acknowledge your letter of August 16th advising that you have forwarded by express prepaid, a volume entitled "Southern Alberta, History and Tale" for use of the Writers' Conference. Receipt for this is attached herewith.

Yours sincerely,

Donald Cameron

DONALD CAMERON
DIRECTOR.

DC/JK

Enc.

INVENTORY

To WRITERS' CONFERENCE, Banff, Alberta, August 16, 1945, in care of Mr. Donald Cameron, Banff School of Fine Arts, from the Alberta Folklore and Local History Porject, University of Alberta. This material to be returned to this office as soon as possible after the termination of the Conference on August 25th.

Bound Volume:

1. Southern Alberta History and Tale.

Sgd: Philip H. Godsell, F.R.G.S.
Director, Alberta Folklore &
Local History Project.

per: (R B Rafter

Received: Donald Cameron

DONALD CAMERON, Director,
Banff School of Fine Arts.

Date: August 19, 1945

RK

DEPARTMENT OF EXTENSION

EDMONTON, ALBERTA
CANADA

Banff School of Fine Arts,
Banff, Alta.

August 23, 1945.

Mr. Philip H. Godsell, F.R.G.S.,
Director, Alberta Folklore &
Local History Project,
Department of Fine Arts,
University of Alberta,
Edmonton, Alta.

Dear Mr. Godsell:

I have your letter of August 20th with reference to the prize-winning entries in the I.O.D.E. Creative Writing Competition. Mrs. Forbes forwarded this material and it was received yesterday and has been made available to the Writers' Conference. It will be returned to Mrs. Forbes when they are finished with it.

Yours sincerely,

Donald Cameron

DONALD CAMERON
DIRECTOR.

DC/JK

August 20, 1945.

Dr. Donald Cameron, Director
Banff School of Fine Arts
BANFF, Alberta.

Dear Dr. Cameron:

With reference to the request received yesterday from Miss Nelson for the prize-winning entries of the Creative Writing Competition to be forwarded to the Writers' Conference now in session at Banff.

We advised Miss Nelson that these entries had been forwarded by Dr. Ward in June to Mrs. [illegible]. Forbes, Educational Officer of the T.C.W.A., for the purpose of newspaper publicity and for publication as they saw fit. As far as we know these are still in the possession of Mrs. Forbes. Miss Nelson advised that she would look after the matter.

Yours very truly,

Philip [illegible]. Godsell, [illegible].S.
Director, Alberta Folklore &
Local History Project.

PG:MK

August 14th, 1945.

Donald Cameron, Esq.,
Director, Banff School of Fine Arts,
Banff, Alta.

Dear Mr. Cameron:-

Mr Godsell has requested me to send you a list of the Delegates to the Writers' Conference, that is a list of those for whom vouchers have been put through. This is as follows:-

Vouchers put through for:

	- Accepted -
E. K. Brown	"
C. B. Freeland,	"
Mrs. Grace Schierholtz,	"
W. J. Kiran,	"
Georges Bugnet	"
Mrs Mary Gooding	(?)
Mr. William Parker,	"
Mrs. Helen McCorquodale,	(?)
Mrs. T. E. Sudiman,	"

We have had no word from either Mrs. Gooding or Mrs. McCorquodale as to whether they will be attending or not. As for Mr. Freeland, he wrote saying he will be unable to attend, also Mr. Sours - who has recently been in hospital.

Sorry this is all the information I can give you.

Sincerely,

Sec'y.
(for) Philip H. Godsell. F.R.G.S.
Director Alberta Folklore &
Local History Project.

July 23rd, 1945.

Donald Cameron, Esq.,
Banff, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Cameron:-

I am dropping you a line to let you know that I have been unable to get in touch with you earlier since I was confined to hospital until last Thursday.

I was over at the office on Friday afternoon, and understand that Miss Keefer has supplied you with all the information we have to date on the Alberta Writers' Conference to be held at Banff, August 18th-28th, and has also sent you the time table.

If there is any other information you desire drop me a line to the Folklore office, and I will see that you are kept advised.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Willis E. Gooseil. F.R.C.S.
Director of Folklore.

WEG/JMG.

June 19, 1945.

Mr. Ross Annet,
Cochrane, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Annet:

I will do as you suggest about the arrangement for the Writers' Conference at Banff. I certainly hope, however, that you will be able to attend. I hope, too, that your movie contract will come through.

I don't suppose that I will be seeing you this summer since I am leaving within the next few days to take up residence in the State of Wisconsin. All my best wishes for your continued luck in the writing field.

Yours sincerely,

RG:

ROBERT G. CADE.

R. Ross Annett

Consort, Alberta
Canada

June 9, 1945.

Mr. Robert E. Gard
Department of Fine Arts
University of Alberta
Edmonton.

Dear Mr. Gard:

Thank you for your invitation to the Writers' Conference to be held in Banff next August. It seems likely that I will be absent from Alberta at that time but if I am here I should like very much to attend.

Can't we make the same arrangement as last year? Pass the invitation on to someone else and, if I'm able, I'll attend at my own expense. I'd hate to stand in the way of anyone else getting an invitation and then not show up myself. But I can't say definitely that I'll be there.

Yours very truly,

Ross Annett

P. S. On second thoughts, I'll be more specific, though strictly between you and me, for a premature announcement might give me a red face if a movie deal we've been dickering about for months doesn't go through. But if it does, I'll be going to Hollywood to do the script. If it doesn't go through it will be because my agent, a much more mercenary fellow than I, is holding out for what seems to me an unreasonably high price.

June 6, 1945

Mr. Ross Annett
Consort
Alberta

Dear Mr. Annett:

Are you in a position to attend the Writers' Conference meeting at Banff August 15-25? If you are, I think we might be able to help out with expenses.

Would you please drop me a line right away?

Yours very sincerely,

Robert E. Gard

RG/mk

Alberta Folklore & History Project
Writers' Conference Contest.

June 11, 1945.

Miss Jeanie Atkins,
Peace River, Alberta.

Dear Miss Atkins:

Your entry, THE GARDEN OF THE NORTH, in the Poetry Competition arranged by the Alberta Writers' Conference and the Provincial Chapter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, has been awarded THIRD prize. The judge of the Poetry Competition was Dr. Mary Hargreave.

Congratulations on your success. We hope the award will encourage you to continue with your writing.

The I.O.D.E. will present you with the prize money in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Robert E. Reed, Director
Alberta Folklore & History Project.

RG: K

June 15, 1945.

Mr. George Burnet
Lake Louise, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Burnet:

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to know that you will be able to come to the Writers' Conference at Banff. I assure you that if you wish to stay for the full ten days you will receive compensation of approximately $3 per day for the ten-day period.

Personally I felt and everyone seemed to join me in the opinion that your influence was a notably fine one last summer.

Let's consider the matter settled. Many regards,

Yours sincerely,

MG:M

ROBERT T. GALD.

c/o Bugnet
Gunn R.R.1
Alta

June ?, 1945

Dear [illegible]

This is a long holiday for a busy man. Yet I may be able to gather the [illegible] ~~three~~ strands.

When you say "about the same amount as last year" you mean, I suppose, the fare to Banff and $3.00 a day?

If you mean the same total amount or for days as I received for six a year ago, I'm afraid I would have to curtail that "holiday" which was really a very busy one) to six days only. My rocker back can never stand much of a strain.

However, even in only six days, I believe I could be useful to younger writers as, I hope, I was last year.

Sincerely yours

Georges Bugnet

P.S. – I have just been asked to accept a position as lecturer at the Laval University. Do you see me starting as a University professor at 66 ??? – Yet, if I have not said yes, I have not said a clear no.

June 6, 1945

Mr. Georges Bugnet
Lake Majeau
Alberta

Dear Mr. Bugnet:

We are trying to line up the delegates for the Banff meeting of the Writers' Conference this summer -- August 15-25. If you can attend again, would you please drop me a line right away? We could probably assist you to about the same amount as last year.

Many regards.

Yours very sincerely,

Robert E. Gard

RG/mk

Alberta Folklore & History Project
Writers' Conference Contest.

June 11, 1945.

Miss Shirley Davidson
Whitelaw, Alberta.

Dear Miss Davidson:

Your entry, THE GHOST TRAIL, in the Short Story Competition sponsored by the Alberta Writers' Conference and the Provincial Chapter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, has been awarded THIRD prize.

The judge of the Short Story Competition was Mr. F.R. Salter.

Congratulations on your success. We hope the award will encourage you to continue with your writing.

The I.O.D.E. will present you with the prize money in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Robert E. Gard, Director
Alberta Folklore & History Project.

RG:RK

Alberta Folklore & History Project
Writers' Conference Contest.

June 11, 1945.

Miss June Davidson
Whitelaw, Alberta.

Dear Miss Davidson:

Your entry, CALLIE LEE, in the Essay Competition arranged by the Alberta Writers' Conference and the Provincial Chapter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, has been awarded SECOND prize.

The judge of the Essay Competition was Robert E. Gard.

Congratulations on your success. We hope the award will encourage you to continue with your writing.

The I.O.D.E. will present you with the prize money in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Robert E. Gard, Director
Alberta Folklore & History Project.

RG:EK

Peace River, Alta
July 25th 1945

Mr. Robert E. Gard.
Edmonton
Alta.

Dear Mr Gard.—

It is with regret that I have to tell you I cannot attend the Albert Writers Conference Aug 15-25.

I have been terribly busy here on the farm all summer. Besides getting my new farm ready in Edmonton

We will be right in the middle of harvest on the above date, and help is impossible to get now.

I have all the pens & equipment to get ready for my fur animals who are arriving the first of Oct.

However I hope I shall be able to attend next year. I shall be on my own farm then & will make plans far ahead to assure a holiday then.

Yours very truly
C. B. Frelland
Peace River, Alta.

June 20, 1945.

Mr. C.B. Freeland,
Box 454,
Peace River, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Freeland:

I was pleased to learn from your letter that you may be able to attend the Writers' Conference at Banff. In anticipation of your attendance I have arranged with the Bursar of the University that your money will be available for you at Banff if you can make the Conference.

I think it would be beneficial to you to attend, especially since you intend to try to do some story writing in the future.

Many regards,

Yours sincerely

WW:M ROBERT K. WARD

Peace River, Alta.

June. 15th 1945

Mr Robert E. Sard

Dear Mr Sard:-

Thank you very much for your letter of June 10th. And your invitation to attend the Alberta Writers conference.

I will do my uttmost to attend although it will be very hard at the date as we have our harvest in full swing in August.

I have to make a trip out to Edmonton on or about July 15th to visit the Veterans Land Act people maby I can delay it a week or 2 o attend the the two.

I am buying a small farm just eleven miles East of Edmonton, where I intend to start a fur & chicken ranch. So you see with this farm here to run and me to start I am pretty busy this year.

However I am looking forward to meeting you in July. Mr Soares has told me so much about you and your work I feel I know already.

Thank you again for your matter
I remain

Yours very truly
C. B Freeland.

C.B. Freeland
Box 454
Peace River
Alta.

June 11, 1945

Mr. Carleton Freeland
Peace River
Alberta

Dear Mr. Freeland:

It seems possible that we might be able to make some expense money available to help you to come to Banff August 15-25 at the Alberta Writers' Conference. We would be able to pay your train fare and return, plus approximately $3.00 per day for the Conference period.

If it seems probably that you could attend, I would appreciate a letter by return mail. Mr. Norman Sodrs of Peace River has spoken highly of you.

Yours very sincerely,

Robert E. Gard
Director, Folklore and
Local History Project.

RG/mk

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Mr . R.E.Gard,
Director
Alberta Folklore & History Project.

June13. 1945.

Dear Mr. Gard,

Your letter of June 11. to Mrs. Marshall with the list of winners in the Poetry, Short Story and Essay Contesta , together with the package containing the winning piecesetc. has been received.

We are glad to know that you are pleased with the first attempt. The project seems to have stimulated interest in all parts of the Province and the number of entries looks wellfor a beginning. We feel too, that it has been successful and worthy to be continued.

We will be glad to take care of all publicity, when we receive the complete list of winners. At the present time we hope to get some of the winning pieces published,as well as space in the press concerning the whole contest. However, at the moment I cannot say just what will be done in this regard , but we will do our best.

Yourstruly,

Caroline M. Forbes.

Mrs. J.M.Forbes,
Assist. Provincial Education Sec. I.O.D.E.

P. S. Letters, Cheques and certificates will go forward very soon.

C.M.F.

June 15, 1945.

Mrs. Carolyn J. Forbes,
Assistant Provincial Education Secretary
10547 - 123rd Street, I.O.D.E.,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Mrs. Forbes:

I am sending, today, a list of the winners in the Year Book and Essay competition. The University Library staff seemed to think that they were pretty good.

I presume that this completes the immediate business in connection with this competition but if there is anything further about it upon which you wish to consult me, don't hesitate to write.

Yours sincerely,

RG:K

Encl.1

I.O.O.F. June, 1945.

1. Port School Paper

   [illegible] Event by Alexandra High School
   [illegible], Alberta.

1. One and Two Room Rural School Publication

   [illegible] Series, 1944-5 by [illegible] School
   [illegible], 1943.

1. Best Year Book

   Who's Who - 1943. by [illegible] School
   [illegible], Alberta.

June 16, 1945.

The Principal
Kiew School
S.D. #1693.
Vegreville, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

It is a pleasure to inform you that your entry, "Kiew Memories" in the Publication Competition has been awarded FIRST prize in the One and Two Room Rural School division. The I.O.D.E. will presently be sending you a prize cheque and a certificate showing that your publication won in this competition.

According to the agreement made at the Writers' Conference meeting last August, the prize money paid in this particular division of the Competition must be spent for editorial materials. When your school has ultimately spent this money we should appreciate a letter from you telling us for what it was used.

Yours sincerely,

ROBERT S. GARD, Director,
Alberta Folklore and
Local History Project.

RG:

June 16, 1945.

The Principal
Alexandra High School
Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

It is a pleasure to inform you that your entry, "En Avant" in the Publication Competition has been awarded FIRST prize in this division. The I.O.D.E. will presently be sending you a prize cheque and a certificate showing that your publication won in this competition.

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Yours sincerely,

ROBERT S. CARD, Director,
Alberta Folklore and
Local History Project.

RC: K

June 16, 1945.

The Principal,
Whitelaw School,
Whitelaw, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

It is a pleasure to inform you that your entry, "Who's Who - 1945" in the Year Book Competition has been awarded FIRST prize in this division. The I.O.D.E. will presently be sending you a prize cheque and a certificate showing that your publication won in this competition.

According to the agreement made at the Writers' Conference meeting last August, the prize money paid in this particular division of the Competition must be spent for editorial materials. When your school has ultimately spent this money we should appreciate a letter from you telling us for what it was used.

Yours sincerely,

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10547- 125 St. Edmonton.

July 11 1945.

Mr Phillip Godsell
Dept. of Fine Arts.
University of Alberta.

Dear Sir,

A short time ago the IMperial Order Daughters of the Empire , Provincial chapter, had the names of the winners published of the Alberta Writer's contest for schools and conducted by the Alberta Writer's Conference.

You would no doubt see the account in the Journal and the Bulletin. I am enclosing a copy of what was sent in to them, so that you will see th e changes made.

We endeavored to give the project a boost by giving its history but the papers saw fit to cut that all out, for which I am sorry.

Yours sincerely ,

Caroline M. Forbes.

Mrs. J.M.FORBES
Assist. Prov. Education Sec. I.O.D.E.

Copies

Prizes awarded in Creative Writing Competition in Alberta Schools.

The Alberta Folklore and Local History Project was established at the University of Alberta in 1943. One strong belief of the persons responsible was the encouragement of a regional Literature. With this purpose in mind The Alberta Writer's Conference was formed and held its first meeting in1944 as part of the Banff school of Fine Arts. The general Aims were. To aid in the collection of native Alberta material as might be useful to creative w writers and the encouragement of writers in the use of Alberta Themes and subjects. The Conference made a definite gesture toward the encouragement of younger writers by establishing the Creative Writing Competiti n for Alberta Schools . This contest which includes separate competitions in Short Story, School Year Book, School Newspaper or Mag. and Rural school Paper or Magazine Poetry and Essayon on Alberta background, has the blessing of the Provincial Department of Education. Prizes totalling $33o.OO have been made availabl by the Provincial Chapter , Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire.

The contest was a real success . Entries came in from 163 boys and girls from all over the Province. And 48 different schools were represented. Competitors ranged from 12 to 20 years of age and from grades 6-to 12.

Committees of judges for the various works were, Dr. Mary Vinspear Mr D.L.Cameron Proff F.H.Salter and Mr R.E.Gard of the University. Mr. Soars Peace River, and Mr C.F.Steele Lethbridge .

All entries were judged upon quality rather than form in the Newspaper and book section and originality, naturalness and simplicity were urged inthe poetry and story sections.

The winners were,

Best School Paper.------EN AVANT ----Alexandra HighSchool Medicine Hat.

land2 Room Rural school publication --Kiew Memories 1944-45. Kiew School 1693.

Best Year Book-----" ho'S ho 1945.-- Whitelaw School. Whitelaw Alta.

Poetry girls

1. Joan Jackson. Central High School Calgary.
2. Clrene Ludescher hitelaw School Whitelaw.
3. Jeanie Atkins Peace River

boys-

1. Bonald Jackson Westminster school Lethbridge.
2. Morten Kobasa Whitelaw School

xShortxxx 3. Roy Kenchtel S St, Josephs High School Grande Prairie.

Short Story.

1. Winifred Thorogood---Strathcona High Edmonton.
2. T.C.Gordon ------Alberta College Edmonton.
3. Shirley Davidson--- Whitelaw school whitelaw.

Essay

1. Laurence Moon- -- Grande Prairie High School
2. June Davidson -- Whitelaw School Whitelaw
3. Louise M. Marchant--McDougall Commercial Edmonton.

Certificates and cheques for prizes are being mailed by the Provincial Chapter IMperial Order Daughters of the Empire, to the various winners.

DEPARTMENT OF EXTENSION

EDMONTON, ALBERTA
CANADA

5th. December, 1944

Miss K.E. Frost,
11136 - 85th. Ave.,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Miss Frost:

I am returning herewith the file of correspondence and other material which you were good enough to leave with me yesterday. I have gone through this and am more than ever impressed with the need of linking the project up with the Department in the manner mentioned yesterday.

In one of Mr. Parker's letters I noticed that he was wondering where the entries for the competition should be sent. Obviously the Committee could not have foreseen the response that such a Competition was likely to evoke or they would have long ago seen the need of having an adequate clearing house. It is just possible that hundreds of entries may come in from this competition.

On thinking the matter over I think that the title should be "The Creative Writing Competition for Alberta Schools", and in this case I am simply suggesting the substitution of the word"Competition" for Contest - I think it is preferable. The sponsorship should be under the direction of the Writers' Conference of the University of Alberta, Banff School of Fine Arts and sponsored by the Provincial Chapter of the I.O.D.E. In this case I am dropping the word "Alberta" which preceded "Writers' Conference" as the use of the term "University of Alberta" should be sufficient.

Second. As I suggested to you yesterday, the committee, consisting of yourself as Convenor, Mr. N. Soars and Mr. Parker will simply carry on as you have been doing with the addition that you from now on will be constituted as a Departmental Committee in charge of the project.

Third. All publicity and announcements should be cleared through this office.

Fourth. All entries in the respective phases of the competition should be addressed: "Creative Writing Competition", Department of Extension, University of Alberta. This means that when they come in here they will be separated and sent to people responsible for judging them.

Miss K. Frost.

Fifth. In any announcements which go out the statement should be made that full information, prize lists, ect. can be obtained by writing to the Department of Extension. If there are any other matters which may come up from time to time we can discuss them.

Yours sincerely,

Donald Cameron

DONALD CAMERON.
DIRECTOR.

DC/mhl.

11156 85th Avenue,
Edmonton, Alberta,
Dec. 4, 1944.

Dear Mr.

This morning Mr. Cameron and I had quite a long talk about the best thing to do in connection ~~of~~ with the contest. It seems that Mr. Cameron had not been informed about it ~~all~~ as no detailed reports of our meeting after the Writers' Conference or any information concerning our October meeting had been given him.

As an outgrowth of the First Alberta Writers' Conference which was sponsored by the Banff School of Fine Arts, and therefore under the Dept. of Extension too, Mr. Cameron feels directly responsible for such committee activity. Evidently from point of view of policies concerned there are complications involved too.

Fortunately, what we have accomplished so far Mr. Cameron considers very worthwhile, and wants us also to be able to use Dept. of Extension facilities for making the contest a success.

His suggestions to clarify our position as a committee are:

1. That the contest-title be reworded---
"Under the direction of the Alberta Writers' Conference of the University of Alberta, Banff School of Fine Arts, and sponsored by the Provincial Chapter of the Independent Order of the Daughters of the Empire"

This would show the University's Banff School responsibility and also recognize the I.O.D.E. His suggestion that we drop the "First" was made because he believes the contest can be a real success and so justify its continuation.

2. That a committee of Miss May Frost, Messrs. N. Soars and W. Parker be incorporated as a department committee in charge of this project.

(This department committee is a point of policy -- and obligates us to be sure to follow out #3)

3. That all publicity, announcements, etc. be cleared through the office of the Dept. of Extension.

This will be to the advantage of widespread publicity for Mr. Cameron says the Dept. will use all its publicity channels for this contest too.

Copies of this letter are being sent to Mr. Soars, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Gillese and shown to Mrs. Kingwood and Miss Montgomery.

As we would like to mimeograph copies of the contest set-up to distribute among teachers leaving the Normals this December, would you write me your answers concerning Mr. Cameronb three suggestions before the end of this week?

Yours sincerely,

Waskatenau, Alta.
Dec. 6, 1944.

Dear Miss Kay Frost:

I concur in any decisions you make to further the success of our Creative Writing Contest.

Any assistance I can give, I shall gladly offer.

I offer any apologies the committee should offer to the Department of Extension for not understanding our position clearly in fulfilling our work in connection with this contest.

I can come in if I can be useful any Saturday, or during Christmas holiday.

Yours sincerely,
Wm. H. Parker.

Peace River Public Library
Peace River, Alberta

14th June, 1945

Robert E, Gard, Esq.,
University of Alberta.
Edmonton.

Dear Bob:-

Regarding the "Recommendations for School Contest", I would suggest that:-

Clause 1. Too much emphasis cannot be placed on the make-up of the entries. At the majority of the isolated schools typewriters are not available and even "reulation type-writing paoer may not be easy to get. Entries written legibly on ordinary examination paper should be allowed.

Clause 2. O.K.

Clause 3 - O.K.

Re splitting age groups - certainly contestants below grade 9 should be judged seperately - but grade nine seems a border-line - many grade nine pupils are older than some in eleven. Not being a teacher I do not care to decide.

Time limit for School papers should be extended. Peace River High School did not get their stencils until after the contest was closed. Should they send in their entry late? (NO?)

I feel that some form of appreciation might be sent to Mrs Day of Whitelaw. I do not know the lady - never saw her, just sent her some copies of the syllabus. Shows what an interested teache can do.

Good to see the proportion of foreign names in the contest.

Yours sincerely

W Dodds

P.S.:- Bob - where can I get that book of yours, -darn you, I've asked you twice. When's the next "Quarterly coming? I have to come out to Edmonton - for an op. at the University Hospital early in July

Sending papers on to Parker

Waskatenau, Alberta,

June 15, 1945

Robert E. Gard:
University of Alberta,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear friend Prof. Gard:

I am quite in agreement with Mr. Norman Soars that we should not be too particular about the form of manusripts submitted, because of the difficulty of rural students obtaining typewiters. I appreciate the points observed by the judges, however. There should be more uniformity. I think that some of those points are well taken. I am quite prepared to say which of these should be required.

As I mentioned before, I think that the contest would do well to divide the contestants in two groups, grades seven to nine, and grades ten to twelve. I saw several of these entries and I am sure that there is too much difference in the abilities of the grades above and below this level of the school.

Definitely, the year book should be given until the end of June. But the school magazine which may be completed at any time throughout could be well included with the earlier contests of poetry, essays and shortstories.

I do not think that the time should be extended this year in fairness to all, but that the winners of the year book contest should be for material completed this year.

I believe that the notices for a contest this fall should be out much earlier. If I have a copy of this winner list to post in Calgary summer school it might create more interest in next years contest. A similar list should be posted on the summer schol bulletin board at the University.

Are there any essays which might be mentioned for honorable mention in the list of prize winners, or in the short stories. Or in the play contests which no doubt you will be including in the Folk Lore booklet.

I feel that the contest has proven worth-while and I am very satisfied that the judges and the committee did a very good job. I should be glad to take up the matter of next year's contest with the Daughters of the Empire next weekend or Monday. I will be free for two weeks then.

Yours very truly,

Wm. H. Parker

Industrial Arts Instructor,

(Five Towns)

June 20, 1945.

Mrs. Mary D. Gooding
Box 246
Turner Valley, Alberta.

Dear Mrs. Gooding:

Our custom regarding expenses to the Writers' Conference at Banff has been to pay railway fare plus approximately $3 per day expense money for each day's attendance at the Conference. Your total amount of expenses would, therefore, be approximately $40.

I certainly hope that you can attend the Conference and I regret very much not being able to welcome you myself but I am returning to the States to take up my residence there.

Sincere regards,

RG:

ROBERT G. CARR.

Turner valley
June 13th, 1945

Robert G.Gard
Department of Fine Arts
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of June 6th asking me if I would like to attend the Alberta Writers' Conference at Banff August 15th to 25th.

I would like very much to attend this conference and I thank you very much for your kindly interest. Could you give me an idea of what the expense would be. I will know better then what I can do as I have to employ some person to take my place here while I am away. Also a brief outline of what is taking place at the Conference.

I liked your little magazine very much. I heard a lady inquiring for it in the Hudson's Bay one day and she was told it was not on the news stands. I told her where to get one.

Our local editor of the Flare in Black Diamond has been running it in installments in his paper each week and the old time stories were very well received.

Yours very sincerely,

Mary E. Gooding

Mary E. Gooding
Turner Valley-Box 246

June 6, 1945

Mrs. Mary Gooding
Turner Valley
Alberta

Dear Mrs. Gooding:

Would you be in a position to attend the Alberta Writers' Conference at Banff, August 15-25, if we could help with expenses? I think we might so help if you could attend.

Would you drip me a line regarding this right away?

Yours very sincerely,

Robert E. Gard

RG/mk

Alberta Folklore & History Project
Writers' Conference Contest.

June 11, 1946.

Mr. T.C. Gordon,
Alberta College, 101st Street.
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Gordon:

Your entry, THE TAIL OF [illegible]R, in the Short Story Competition arranged by the Alberta Writers' Conference and the Provincial Chapter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, has been awarded SECOND prize.

The judge of the Short Story Competition was Mr. F.R. Salter.

Congratulations on your success. We hope the award will encourage you to continue with your writing.

The I.O.D.E. will present you with the prize money in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Robert E. Gard, Director
Alberta Folklore & History Project.

RG:MK

July 4, 1945.

Mr. James A. Hanson

Acton, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Hanson:

In reply to your letters of June 25th and July 1st. Mr. Ward left here about two weeks ago and is now in Madison, Wisconsin, where he will take up his residence. I will send your letter of congratulations on to him.

Thank you for your remittance of $1.15 for the play, 'The Jack and the Joker' and one year's subscription to the Quarterly. The June issue is going forward under separate cover and our receipt is enclosed.

Mr. Philip Godsell is to be the Director of the Folklore Project and I am sure will be glad to receive any material you care to submit. He will be interested in the historical material which you are gathering. Mr. Godsell will also be Director of the Writers' Conference and as soon as he arrives here I will have him reply to your question as to what you should take at the Conference. He will be interested in meeting you at the Conference and Mr. Ward will be glad to know that you hope to be able to attend.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss) Robert- E. Kiener
for
The Alberta Folklore and
Local History Project.

RK

Retna Alta.
June 29. 1945

Dear Mr. Gard. - Inclosed find money order for one dollar and fifteen cents ($1.15) for one years subscription to the Alberta Folklore Bulletin also the play "Jack and the Joker." of which you sent me some time ago. I sure dont want to miss the June issue of the Bulletin.

I appreciated very much your kindly letter of which you replied to my one act play. I realized at the time of writing I was allowing two much action off stage and having only a day and a half ~~to~~ to write it in.

I understood it was only open to high school students until almost

to late.

Mr Charlie Cheeseman a friend of mine told me last week you were down here last march, I sure would have liked to of met you at the time, as you wrote me you expected to see me soon, was it at the Banff conference or are you coming down this way again, I could show you some very interesting historical places,- Buffalo hill and the Bolder of which the hunter mr Percy ash. an ex mountie was concealed, this is on the farm of which I was raised.

I have been promised ~~[illegible]~~ information from an Indian chief and an early settler has a diary of his father who fought from

Utah to Macleod and sold flour for one dollar a pound.

The Indian is an educated man and has gathered much of interest from older indians.

What would be your advice as to what I should take up at Banff if I can possibly get away. the Story writing — Playwriting — or the Writers Conference, in what way would the latter be of special help to me.

I have written some Poems also. of which I will show you if I ever get to see you. If you come down south again be sure and let me know in advance

a friend.

James A. Hansen.

Sept. 23, 1943.

Mr. [illegible],
[illegible]
[illegible]

Dear Mr. [illegible]:

[illegible] are returning to you, under separate cover, the copies of [illegible] which you filled out for the 1944-45 school term and which you entered in the Writers' Conference Competition. [illegible] you wish to have these on file.

You probably know that the winner in the school paper section was Alexander Dow School, Cedarhurst.

Yours sincerely,

[illegible]
Director, Queens Children's
Local History Project.

per

Edmonton Public School Board

EDMONTON, ALBERTA
Victoria High School,
June 15, 1945.

Mr. Donald Cameron,
Extension Department,
University of Alberta.

Dear Sir:

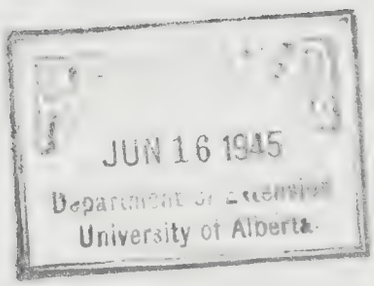
We are enclosing copies of the Vic Argosy published during the past school year and we wish to be entered in the School Newspaper contest sponsored by the Writers' Society.

Yours truly,

C. O. Hicks

COH/RD

Principal,
Victoria High School,
Edmonton, Alberta.



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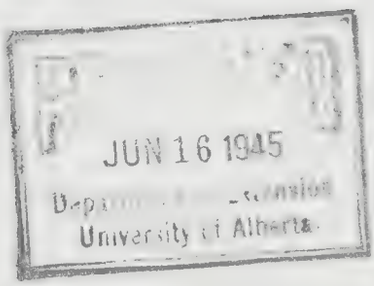

10232-106th.St.,
Edmonton.
June 7.1945.

Robert E.Gard,Esq.
University of Alberta,
Edmonton.

Dear Mr.Gard:

Thanks a lot for your kind letter and offer that I should attend the Writers Conference at Banff.

I would be delighted to join my fellow "plotters", and as my vacation falls due about that time,- what could be better?

However, I must confess, that I had made other plans, but these were concluded with the passing of my old friend,J.D. Nicholson,I presume you learnt of his passing? Anyhow, now I can tell of our proposed excursion. It was to have been to the vicinity of Fort Chipewyan, where we hoped to find the remains of the original Fort. This would have been a thrilling voyage, and there is a possibility that we may have discovered something of historical importance; Who knows?

I am pleased to learn that my un-edited article was of a little value to you, and look forward to receiving my copy of the Quarterly. I am sorry that I delayed in forwarding my subsciption before this date, but better late than never eh?

I don't know why the publication was not displayed in the stores as many have asked me where I obtained my copy, and I told them, but also advised them to try Mike's. If it not too late, I would like a copy of the first Quarterly, as mine was sent overseas.

Will you tell me more of the Conference, as I am extremely ignorant of it's aims and benefits?

Thanking you again,
I remain,
Yours very truly,
J.W.Horan.

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Alberta Folklore & History Project
Writers' Conference Contest.

June 11, 1946.

Mr. Donald Jackson
Westminster School
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Jackson:

Your entry, THE PINE TREE, in the Poetry Competition (Boys) arranged by the Alberta Writers' Conference and the Provincial Chapter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, has been awarded FIRST prize.

The judge of the Poetry Competition was Dr. Mary Winspear.

Congratulations on your success. We hope the award will encourage you to continue with your writing.

The I.O.D.E. will present you with the prize money in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Robert E. Ward, Director
Alberta Folklore & History Project.

R.E.W:MK

June 11, 1945.
Alberta Folklore & History Project
Writers Conference Contest

Miss Joan Jackson,
Calgary Central High School,
Calgary, Alberta.

Dear Miss Jackson:

Your entry, NEXT YEAR, in the Poetry Competition arranged by the Alberta Writers Conference and the Provincial Chapter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, has been awarded First prize. The judge of the Poetry competition was Dr. Mary Hinspear.

Congratulations on your success. We hope the award will encourage you to continue with your writing.

The I.O.D.E. will present you with the prize money in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Robert K. Gard, Director
Alberta Folklore & History Project.

RG:MK

Alberta Folklore & History Project
Writers' Conference Contest.

June 11, 1945.

Mr. Roy Benoitel
St. Joseph's High School
Grande Prairie, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Benoitel:

Your entry, [illegible] in the Poetry Competition (Boys) arranged by the Alberta Writers' Conference and the Provincial Chapter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, has been awarded THIRD prize.

The judge of the Poetry Competition was Dr. Mary Gibson.

Congratulations on your success. We hope the award will encourage you to continue with your writing.

The I.O.D.E. will present you with the prize money in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Robert G. Ward, Director
Alberta Folklore & History Project.

RG:EK

Alberta Folklore & History Project
Writers' Conference Contest.

June 11, 1965.

Mr. Morten Kobasa

Whitelaw, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Kobasa:

Your entry, WHEN IT'S SPRING TIME IN PEACE RIVER, in the Poetry Competition (Boys) arranged by the Alberta Writers' Conference and the Provincial Chapter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, has been awarded SECOND prize.

The Judge of the Poetry Competition was Dr. Mary Winspear.

Congratulations on your success. We hope the award will encourage you to continue with your writing.

The I.O.D.E. will present you with the prize money in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Robert E. Hard, Director
Alberta Folklore & History Project.

RH:EK

Alberta Folklore & History Project
Writers' Conference Contest

June 11, 1945.

Miss Clrone Iulescher,
Whitelaw, Alberta.

Dear Miss Iulescher:

Your entry, THE NORTHERN NURSE, in the Poetry Competition arranged by the Alberta Writers' Conference and the Provincial Chapter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, has been awarded SECOND prize. The judge of the Poetry competition was Dr. Mary Winspear.

Congratulations on your success. We hope the award will encourage you to continue with your writing.

The I.O.D.E. will present you with the prize money in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Robert E. Gard, Director
Alberta Folklore & History Project.

RG:MK

Alberta Folklore & History Project
Writers' Conference Contest.

June 11, 1945.

Miss Louise G. Marchant
McDougall Commercial
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Miss Marchant:

Your entry, ALBERTA--LAND TO LOVE, in the Essay Competition conducted by the Alberta Writers' Conference and the Provincial Chapter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, has been awarded THIRD prize.

The judge of the Essay Competition was Robert E. Gard.

Congratulations on your success. We hope the award will encourage you to continue with your writing.

The I.O.D.E. will present you with the prize money in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Robert E. Gard, Director
Alberta Folklore & History Project.

RG:M

11136 85th Avenue,
Edmonton, Alberta,
Nov. 26, 1944.

Mrs. R. C. Marshall, M.B.E.,
Provincial Chapter of Alberta,
The Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Mrs. Marshall,

My delay in writing you has been due to awaiting word from Dr. Newland, Supervisor of Schools, for permission to use the caption "Creative Writing Contest for Alberta Schools" and to publicize our competition through provincial educational authorities.

His answer, a copy of which is enclosed, not only gives consent but also offers official help. I've sent a copy of my reply.

All the people so-far approached to act as judges have been very willing to help too. Their names are given on the information-sheet enclosed.

Today Mrs. Ringwood told me she plans to get newspaper publicity this week, and will also make radio contacts to arrange for spots and other publicity along those lines. Mr. Parker is waiting his copy of Dr. Newland's letter before approaching the Home and School, The Provincial Trustee, and the A.T.A. magazines.

So our December 1 starting point should stimulate interest right throughout the province.

Yours sincerely,

The Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire
and Children of the Empire (Junior Branch)

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10045 - 148 St.,
Edmonton, Alberta,
Oct. 20, 1944.

Mr. Wm. Parker
Secretary Alberta Writers' Conference
Waskatenau, Alberta.

Dear Sir;

Thank you for your letter of Sept. 20th addressed to our Provincial President, Mrs. R.C. Marshall, enclosing a copy of a proposed contest in creative writing for Alberta school children. This was read with interest at the Semi-annual meeting of the Provincial Chapter of Alberta, I.O.D.E., held recently in Lethbridge. The meeting decided to sponsor this competition and provide the prizes, amounting to $330.00 as you suggest.

I have been instructed to ask you to please contact Mrs. Marshall the next time you are in Edmonton to discuss with her details of the competition.

Thanking you again, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Marine McLeay Ross

(Mrs. W. Stanley Ross)

Vegreville, Alberta,

October 11, 1934

Mrs. A. C. Marshall, Pres. I. O. D. E. of Alberta,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Mrs. Marshall,

We wish to thank you and the I.O.D.E. of Alberta and yourself for the kind acceptance of the financial obligation, in backing our Alberta schoolchildren's contest to the extent of $350. We shall try our best to make this contest well worth while and of real value to the contestants.

Our committee of the Alberta Writer's Conference will meet next Saturday afternoon to arrange the details of the children's contest. If satisfactory I shall call on you next Saturday morning at ten-thirty, accompanied by Miss Kay Frost who is also on this educational committee, to discuss the details of the contest. If inconvenient we shall be glad to arrange a later time in the day for this meeting.

Very faithfully yours,

(Wm. Parker)

Perhaps we can see her about the "trust fund." See you at 10:20 a.m.

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Letters - Mrs. Marshall
Mr. Soars
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Alberta Folklore & History Project
Writers' Conference Contest.

June 11, 1947.

Mrs. R.C. Marshall, Regent,
Provincial Chapter, I.O.D.E.,
6318 - Jasper Ave.
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Mrs. Marshall:

I am enclosing a report on the Creative Writing Contest for Alberta schools, sponsored by the Alberta Writers' Conference and the I.O.D.E.

I am personally very much pleased with the Contest as a beginning attempt, and some of the things submitted showed real promise.

Appended to the report is a list of the winners in the various divisions excepting the Year Books which are not yet judged. I will send the winners' names in this division, I hope, this week.

I have written a letter to each of the winners in the Short Story, Essay and Poetry divisions, telling them about their success, and stating that the I.O.D.E. will be writing them shortly enclosing their prize money and the certificate which, I understand, you will send too.

I have done nothing about newspaper publicity, feeling that perhaps you would wish to handle that through your publicity channels. If you could get your publicity committee member to take care of it, I would be grateful.

(over)

I enclose a copy, therefore, of our Quarterly at the back of which you will find a short statement about the Writers' Conference which will furnish all needful information about the organization.

I believe this has been a worthy achievement, and that it should be subsequently continued. I hope you will think so, too.

I think certain of the winning pieces might be published in our Quarterly, or perhaps your organization might wish to publish them. Would you let us know?

Thanking you most sincerely for your interest and splendid co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

Robert T. Gard, Director
Alberta Folklore & History Project.

RG:ME

Encl. 2

WINNERS, COMPETITION, June, 1945.

Alberta Writers' Conference and Provincial Chapter,

Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire.

DIVISION	TITLE	AWARD	NAME	ADDRESS	AGE	GR.
Poetry	NEXT YEAR	First	Joan Jackson	Central High Calgary, Alta.	17	12
"	THE [illegible] NURSE	Second	Clarne Judescher	Whitelaw, Alta.	14	9
"	THE GARDEN OF THE ROSES	Third	Jeanie Atkins,	Peace River, Alta.	13	9
" (Boys)	THE [illegible] TREE	First	Donald Jackson	Westminster School Lethbridge, Alta.	13	8
" "	WHEN IT'S [illegible] IN PEACE RIVER.	Second	Morten Kolesa	Whitelaw, Alta.	18	11
" "	WHAT PRICE VICTORY?	Third	Roy Benckel	St. Joseph's High Grande Prairie, Alta.	17	12
Short Story	RANDY'S CHOICE	First	Winifred Thorogood	Strathcona High Edmonton, Alta.	16	11
" "	THE TALE OF AN OLD PIONEER	Second	T.C. Gordon	Alberta College Edmonton, Alberta.	19	12
" "	THE GHOST TRAIL	Third	Shirley Davidson	Whitelaw, Alta.	15	9
Essay	ALBERTA--I AM PROUD OF YOU.	First	Laurence Moon	Grande Prairie High Grande Prairie, Alta.	17	12
"	CALLING LAKE	Second	June Davidson	Whitelaw, Alta.	16	9
"	ALBERTA-- LAND TO LOVE.	Third	Louise M. Marchant	MacDonald Commercial Edmonton, Alta.	17	12

JUDGES: Poetry: Dr. Mary Winspear

Short Story: Professor F.M. Salter

Essay: Mr. Robert E. Gard.

June 11, 1945

Mr. Dan McCowan
Banff
Alberta

Dear Dan:

Would you consider being general chairman for the Alberta Writers' Conference at Banff in August? It would simply mean opening a meeting each afternoon, and arbiting any discussions which need it.

I think it would be an inspiration to those attending if you'd do this.

I have made up a tentative time table for the meetings, and most of the technical stuff will be arranged. Mr. Colwell will be on hand, too, and as Project Representative will open the first meeting and turn it over to you, if you wish to act.

I am sorry I can't attend this year.

Yours very sincerely,

Robert E. Gard

318 Marten St.
Banff. Alta.

June 19th 1945.

Mr Robt E.Gard.
Edmonton.

Dear Bob ;

In reply to your letter of the 11th. While I would not mind acting as chairman at the Writers Conference from the 15th to the 19th I can hardly afford to devote two weeks to it. This having to make a living is a nuisance at times.

If that will help you out and help to make the affair a success you can count on me for the first week at least. Please assure Mr Godsell that I shall be glad to help him in the work he has undertaken.

I have been away for a few days, hence delay in reply.

Kind regards to you and Mrs Gard.

Yours cordially,

Dan McCowan.

Dan.McCowan.

June 20, 1945.

Mr. Dan McCowan
310 Marten Street
BANFF, Alberta.

Dear Dan,

It would help out a great deal if you would act as chairman on the days you mention in your letter. I can readily understand your unwillingness to give the full ten days to it.

Thanks for your cooperation and many regards to you and Mrs. McCowan.

Yours sincerely,

HM:MC

ROBERT H. HALD

[illegible] Carter Street.
Banff.

Aug 1st 1945.

Dr Philip G. Cofsell, B.A., B.S.
Director Alberta Folklore Project.
University of Alberta.
Edmonton.

Dear Dr Cofsell :

In reply to your letter of July 30th I regret that it is not possible for me to act as Chairman of the Writers Conference for longer than the first four days of the meeting.

This I had already stated to Mr [illegible].

Yours sincerely

Dan McCowan.

Dan. McCowan.

Copy also sent to Prof. Keeping.

Dr. Robert Newton, July [illegible]th, 1943.

Philip H. Godsell, Director Alberta Folklore.

Dear Dr. Newton:-

In my last talk with Mr. Ward the question arose regarding the advisability of the Alberta Writers' Conference to be held at Banff, August 15th-21st. He suggested that if circumstances were such that I should be unable to get away it would be quite in order to turn the entire direction of the affair over to Mr. Dan McCowan, who actively assisted Mr. Ward at the last Conference.

As I now find I will not be able to get away I am taking steps to put into effect this suggestion, and am communicating with Mr. McCowan, also Mr. Donald Cameron, immediately, asking the necessary changes in the original schedule to fit in with these arrangements.

It is understood that Mr. Cameron, as host to the Conference, would act as Chairman the first day, Mr. McCowan taking over and guiding the general discussions thereafter.

Arrangements for the speaker lunch of the writers are now well in hand.

Yours sincerely,

Philip H. Godsell, F.R.G.S.,

per:-

July 4th, 1945.

Dan McCowan, Esq.,
Banff, Alberta.

Dear Mr. McCowan:-

Though I have never had the pleasure of meeting you, you are anything but a stranger to me, and I had hoped that our trails would cross this summer. Unfortunately, however, circumstances have arisen which will prevent my attendance at the Alberta Writers' Conference this year.

At Mr. Laird's suggestion I am therefore going to call upon you to act as Chairman on my behalf, and guide the Conference thereon to its conclusion. I understand that the arrangements were that Mr. Donald Cameron, as host to the Conference, would hold the chair on the opening day. The following day you would take over and carry on thereafter.

Please let me hear from you immediately in this connection, and let me know if there is any material you may require to keep you fully informed.

Sincerely,

Philip H. Gaisell. F.R.G.S.
Director Alberta Folklore &
Local History Project.

per:-

July [illegible], 1[illegible].

Donald Cameron, Esq.,
Banff, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Cameron:-

I find that circumstances will prevent me getting away to attend the Alberta Writers' Conference.

This was foreseen some time ago, and it was suggested by Mr. Ward that, in event of my being unable to get away, Mr. Dan McCowan would act as Chairman of the Conference - guiding it through to its conclusion.

It was understood, of course, that, as host, you will be kind enough to take the chair on the first day and open the Conference - Mr. McCowan taking over after that.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Philip H. Godsell, F.R.G.S.,
Director Alberta Folklore
Local History Project.

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DEPARTMENT OF EXTENSION

EDMONTON, ALBERTA
CANADA

Banff School of Fine Arts,
Banff, Alberta.

August 1, 1945

Mr. Philip H. Godsell,
Director, Alberta Folklore
and Local History Project,
University of Alberta,
EDMONTON, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Godsell:

I have your letter of July 30th, advising that circumstances will prevent you from attending the Alberta Writers' Conference from August 15th to 25th, inclusive. I think this is most unfortunate, and I am extremely sorry.

I shall discuss the matter of Dan McCowan acting as chairman of the regular sessions with him this week, as he is a very good friend of mine.

Yours sincerely,

Donald Cameron

DONALD CAMERON
DIRECTOR

C/gc.

Alberta Folklore & History Project
Writers' Conference Contest.

June 11, 1945.

Mr. Laurence Boon
Grande Prairie High School
Grande Prairie, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Boon:

Your entry, ALBERTA--I A PROUD OF YOU, in the Essay Competition arranged by the Alberta Writers' Conference and the Provincial Chapter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, has been awarded FIRST prize.

The judge of the Essay Competition was Robert E. Gard.

Congratulations on your success. We hope the award will encourage you to continue with your writing.

The I.O.D.E. will present you with the prize money in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Robert E. Gard, Director
Alberta Folklore & History Project.

RG:NK

Blairmore, Alberta.
June 8, I945.

Dear Dr. Gard:

I was surprised and pleased to have your letter this morning, re the Banff Conference.

I expect to be able to attend, and to say I am delighted to have the opportunity, is putting it mildly.

Am writing to-day to reserve a room at the Mount Royal Hotel, and will make arrangements here for the care of my family during my absence.

Gratefully yours,

Freda Smith Mudiman.

Mrs. T.E.Mudiman,
Blairmore, Alberta.

June 6, 1945

Mrs. T. E. Mudiman
Blairmore
Alberta

Dear Mrs. Mudiman:

I think we are in a position to aid you to come to the Alberta Writers' Conference at Banff this summer. The dates are August 15-25. Are you available?

Please drop me a line right away.

Yours very sincerely,

Robert E. Gard

RG/mk

June 23, 1945.

Dear Mr. Parker,

You'll be pleased, I think, when you read all the enclosed report. The judges to whom I've spoken informally were all agreed that the winning entries were quite praiseworthy although many of the others show carelessness that could be avoided. They also seemed to think that the competition was something quite worth continuing, and expanding.

I had suggested that the enclosed report be presented by Mr. Soars at this year's Conference but his summer plans are a little "vague" as yet so there is some possibility of you being asked to do it. Mr. Godsell will be coming into the office on July 1 and Mr. Soars should have sent in a definite answer by then so should the presentation of this report be your responsibility I believe Mr. Godsell will write you concerning it.

This morning I delivered the report to Mr. Cameron and he seemed quite pleased to get it.

Mrs. Ringwood and I have read all the prize-winning individual entries and we did enjoy them. We are hoping that the I.O.D.E. will do something about publishing them.

With best wishes for your summer holidays and the Writers' Conference in particular,

Yours sincerely,

Waskatenau, Alta.
June 8, 1945

Dear Mr. Gard:

Thanks for your letter for I know what a busy time you must be having. And thanks for your kind remarks regarding my plays. They might have been a little better had I known of the contest more than a month before it ended.

I shall be pleased to be a delegate to Banff, so I am making this reply by return mail. As I suggested previously, however, I feel that at present I am afraid of financial difficulty, because of two obligations I must meet this year.

I am glad you are able to get something done with my games. Perhaps I'll get more "pin money" if I get more literary work completed. But I like to write for relaxation, not as a business, just as I feel the urge.

Yours sincerely,
Wm. W. Parker

We are happy as we are lucky; aren't we? Would you have use for an article on "Hobbies"? I believe hobbies make better men and women, and make life worth living. I am writing a m.s. on Industrial Arts and hope to prove some worth-while statements about hobbies. I do make my hobbies pay dividends.

GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

EDMONTON, ALBERTA

November 24, 1944

Dear Madam,

I apologize for the delay in answering your letter of October 30 respecting your Alberta Writers' Essay Contest.

I think it would be quite proper for you to approach Dr. Swift, Dr. LaZerte and the two Normal School Principals. Naturally, you want to make the thing succeed if you undertake it. As I understand your proposal, the I.O.D.E. would sponsor the project only to the extent of financing the prize list. I assume that there would be the utmost freedom in the choice of subjects on which the students would write, and that there could in no way be any suggestion of propaganda.

I could go further and suggest that if you think the proposal is likely to be successful, the Department of Education might publicize the schools through its Official Bulletin in the "A.T.A. Magazine." If you think this desirable, we might make arrangements to get something in the December number. Perhaps you could let me know about this within the next few days.

Yours faithfully,

H. C. Newland
Supervisor of Schools.

Miss E. Catherine Frost
11136 - 85 Ave.
EDMONTON, Alberta

Copies sent:
Mrs. Marshall
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HCN:JS

11136 85th Avenue,
Edmonton, Alberta,
Nov. 28, 1944.

Mr. H. C. Newland,
Supervisor of Schools,
Department of Education,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of November 24 giving the Contest Committee of the First Alberta Writers' Conference the permission to approach for publicity various educational authorities in the province.

It certainly would help our committee's work if the Department of Education publicized the schools through the Official Bulletin in the A.T.A. Magazine. As the contest starts Dec. 1, an announcement in the December number would be very desirable.

The enclosed information sheet shows the names of the judges who have consented to adjudicate the entries. In listing these rules and in choosing these judges, the committee hopes in every sense to encourage students to use their creative writing abilities with the greatest freedom possible.

If there should be any further information you need for the A.T.A. announcement, please phone 84524.

Yours sincerely,

11136 85th Avenue,
Edmonton, Alberta,
Oct. 31, 1944.

Dr. H. C. Newland,
Supervisor of Schools,
Dept. of Education,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Sir,

Last Saturday the Contest Committee of the First Alberta Writers' Conference held a meeting at the home of Mrs. Gwen Pharis Ringwood. Mr. Wm Parker reported that the Provincial Chapter of the I.O.D.E. had promised to contribute $30 to finance the contest so the committee drew up the plans as attached to this letter.

Because this contest will be of greatest value if every school in Alberta is encouraged to participate the committee asked me to write you for permission to use the title as shown. The I.O.D.E. sponsorship implies the provision of the money only. The committee members are trying to get outstanding experts to act as judges, one to each class. sub-division. We also hope in some way to print copies of the best entries so that these will be on hand for those interested in the Second Writers' Conference next summer. The purpose of the whole project as set forth by the members of the First Writers' Conference was to make a definite effort to interest young Albertans in the possibilities for creative writing that abound in our countryside.

The committee would appreciate the privilege of approaching the inspectors and teachers-in-training through soliciting help from Dr. Swift, Dr. Lazerte, Dr. Lord, and Mr. Manning.

If you desire any further information concerning these plans Mrs. Ringwood and I would be glad to have a personal interview.

Yours sincerely,

(Copy)

GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
Department of Education

Edmonton, Alberta,
November 16, 1944.

Dear Madam,

I apologize for the delay in answering your letter of October 30 respecting your Alberta Writers' Essay Contest.

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Yours faithfully,

(Signed) H.C.Newland

Supervisor of Schools.

Miss M. Catherine Frost
11156 85 Ave.
EDMONTON, Alberta

HCN:JS

Government of the Province of Alberta, Dept. of Education

Edmonton, Alberta,
September 13, 1944.

Dear Sir,

I have your letter of August 20 addressed to the Deputy Minister, with respect to a plan for encouraging creative writing among Alberta school children.

On the whole, the plan proposed is worthy of support, and the Department would be willing to recommend it. I note, however, that you suggest that one-half the prize money should be provided by the Department of Education. This feature of your programme would involve a marked change in the policy of the Department, and would undoubtedly open the door to a great many requests of a similar nature for prizes in other lines of work. To this must be added the fact that your plan does encourage the idea of competition in school work. On this matter, there are, as you know, different opinions. Certainly the spirit of the Department's published programme of studies for the elementary and intermediate grades does not encourage the competitive side of school work.

Under these circumstances, I do not think that it would be either expedient or desirable for the Department to support your programme by making any contribution toward the prize fund.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) H.C. Newland

Supervisor of Schools

R. M. C. Parker,
Secretary, Committee of the Alberta Writers' Conference,
Waskatenau, Alberta.

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June 6,1945.

Dear Mr.Gard,

Your letter just received and thank you very much for the chance to attend the Alberta Writers' Conference in Banff Aug. 15-25.

Luckily, whatever holidays my husband may take, will be in September, so I will be able to attend the conference, and am I delighted at the chance to do so! It is very good of you to give me the opportunity.

Mr.Hooker wants to know when you'll be here again, and I think this summer we'll all be able to get around more, as the roads are so much better than last year.

We've been remodelling our house all winter, so I have not been doing as much writing as I'd like to, but we're through now, and I'm back at work.

Thanks again for the invitation,and I hope to see you in Banff, if not before.

Sincerely,

Grace Schierholtz

July 23rd, 1945.

Norman Boars, Esq.,
1589 Hart Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Boars:-

I am herewith enclosing the Alberta Writers' Report which I understand you requested, and which you will be presenting at the conference in August.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

(For) Philip H. Godsell, F.R.G.S.
Director of Folklore.

Encls.

August 15th, 1945.

Norman Sears, Esq.,
1549 Hart Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Sears:-

Replying to yours of the 7th inst. I am extremely sorry to hear of your illness, and sincerely hope that by the time this note reaches you, you will be well on the way to recovery.

I regret the delay in replying, but I had a bad fall last week and injured my back and left hip and had to remain in bed several days. Mr. Godsell is also out of town at the moment, but I now have everything caught up again - thank goodness.

Mr. Godsell is also looking forward to meeting you, and will be dropping you a line upon his return.

Sincerely,

Secretary,
Alberta Folklore Project.

VANCOUVER, B.C.

7th August, 1945

P.H.Godsell,Esq.F.R.G.S.
Alberta Writer's Conference,
Banff School of Fine Arts,
Banff, Alberta.

Dear Sir:-

I much regret that, having just spent two weeks in Hospital here, I do not feel either financially or physically equal to attending the Writer's Conference at Banff this year.

I feel extremely disappointed at missing it and I have written to Mrs V.R.Mitchell of Peace River, enclosing copy of Report on the Writers Contest, and outlining my views on the matter.

I hope that Mr William Parker or some other member of the Committee will be present and will be able to submit the Report in my place.

Wishing you every success and hoping that I shall have an opportunity of meeting you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Norman Sours

June 25, 1945.

Dear Mr. Soars,

Your letter of June 21 to Mr. Gard sounds as if you should have a grand holiday this summer.

Though your plans are still "vague" I do hope you can go to Banff to present the material in the enclosed report. Insofar as Mr. Parker got the cold cash for the competition, Mrs. Ringwood and I got this report together, and Mr. Gard has left, it seems to me that you are the "right" person to enthuse this year's conference members to carry on.

Three summers ago I flew from Lethbridge to Vancouver and because of all the wonderful things I saw enroute as well as because such an itinerary may help you get to Banff -- I recommend you trying to go that way. The train trip from Calgary to Banff isn't long.

Will you let Mr. Godsell know if you can make Banff -- he'll be around this office after July 1. If you can't Mr. Parker will probably be able to do it. As for myself I'm hoping to finish off my University work by doing "Canadian History" this summer.

Both Mrs. Ringwood and I feel that after all that has been put into the competition this year we do want it to go ahead next year and it seems to us that it will be wise to get someone who is enthusiastic about it and who can enthuse others to give this material to the Conference.

It's Saturday noon -- afternoon in fact -- so I'll stop for lunch. Best wishes for your summer holidays!

Yours sincerely,

Kay Hunt

Mr. Soars, I almost forget to explain why we didn't send you the one and two-room school publications to judge after we had asked you to do it. There were so few Class A entries that all of them were taken to the University Library.

June 22, 1945.

Mr. Norman Sears,

Peace River, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Sears,

In reply to your's of June 21st. Mr. Card left yesterday on his way to the States.

With regard to your report on the contest for the Writers' Conference, Mr. Cotsell will not be available here until about July 1st but perhaps he will be able to advise you then. I will also get in touch with Miss Frost who might have a suggestion. I know Mr. Card will be disappointed if you are not able to attend.

I think it would be advisable for you to return the copies of the Quarterly which you have left and we will sell them from here.

It is unfortunate but I believe it would be too late to have anything done about the Year Book now.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss) Roberta L. Ricker
for
The Alberta Folklore and
Local History Project.

RLR

...: I will send a parcel to Mrs. Drake today.

Peace River Public Library
Peace River, Alberta

21st June, 1945

Robert E. Gard, Esq.,
Univesity of Alberta,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Bob:-

With regard to my attending the Writers Conference, my plans are a little vague. I had planned upon stopping off at Banff on my way back from the Coast but, with the restrictions on railroad travel that have just gone into effect, I maydecide to fly both ways (if it is not too expensive), in which case I could not stop off. So perhaps it could be arranged for someone else to undetake a report on the Contest.

I have most of the fifty "Quarterlys" on hand - not having sold any. I meant to ask for a dozen or so and send two or three to Fairview, Berwyn etc, where there are some Old Timers who are interested. Should I return what I have left?

I have handed out a few to interested parties?

I have not had time to read the new "Quarterly", but it looks well in the make-up.

The High School Year Book is just completed today.
While it is too late for the Contest, would it be in order to send a copy to the jude or judges for comment and criticism?

When do you expect to be leaving Alberta?

Yours sincerely

Norman Soars

Peace River Public Library
Peace River, Alberta

9th June, 1945

Robert E.Gard, Esq.,
University of Alberta,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Bob:-

Your suggestion to ask John Bourassa to attend the Writer's Conference is an excellent one, but, unfortunately, he is now stationed at Rockliffe, Ontario and, when last heard from, was on his way to Iceland!

He is now flying in the Transport Command, from Goose Bay.

As an alternative, I would suggest that Carleton Freeland be invited. He had done some writing before the war, had some stuff published in the "Maple Leaf" and has ambitions to continue writing. He saw considerable service in the Italian Campaign etc, and wears the Eighth Army Badge and a chunk of shrapnel in his neck.

He had spoken to taking a course in short story writing.

He is now on the family farm at Peace River - address Peace River.

I expect to be out at Vancouver in July and August and hope to take in the Conference on my way home.

I shall be disappointed not to meet you there.

WHERE CAN I GET "JOHNNY CHINOOK" - is it out yet?

When is the next Folklore Quarterly due?

If you wish, I will sound Carleton Freeland out about the possibility of his attending at Banff, without mentioning the possibility of his receiving an invitation. He might be thinking of going anyway, but an invitation would certainly be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

M Soars

June 6, 1945

Mr. Norman Soars
Peace River
Alberta

Dear Norman:

Are you intending to come to the Writers' Conference meetings at Banff this August 15-25? I won't be there myself, but am trying to get delegates lined up for it.

I suppose we'll have only enough expense money to bring one person from the Peace. If all right with you, I would like to ask young Bourassa. What do you think?

Would you drop me a line right away?

Yours very sincerely,

Robert E. Gard

RG/mk

June 23, 1945.

Dear Mr. Steele,

Probably the enclosed report of the Creative Writing Competition will explain why we didn't send you the entries in the school periodical class. There were so few Class A entries that all of them were given to the University Library staff to judge.

Mrs. Ringwood and I have compiled this report from suggestions we collected from the judges, from Mr. Soars, from Mr. Parker, and from Mr. Gard as well as from our own experiences in doing the secretarial end and delivery boy jobs involved. Both of us think the competition is well worth continuing and expanding -- we've read all the prize-winning entries and some of the others.

I enjoyed "The Mountain that Fell."

Best wishes for your holidays this summer!

Yours sincerely,

Alberta Folklore & History Project
Writers' Conference Contest.

June 11, 1945.

Miss Winifred Thorogood
Strathcona High School
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Miss Thorogood:

Your entry, RANDY'S CHOICE, in the Short Story Competition arranged by the Alberta Writers' Conference and the Provincial Chapter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, has been awarded FIRST prize. The judge of the Short Story Competition was Dr. F.O. Salter.

Congratulations on your success. We hope the award will encourage you to continue with your writing.

The I.O.D.E. will present you with the prize money in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Robert T. Ward, Director
Alberta Folklore & History Project.

R:M

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

EDMONTON, ALBERTA
CANADA

May 21, 1945

Dear Mrs. Ringwood,

There were fifty-one submissions in the Creative Writing Competition for Short Stories. Many of these consisted simply of incidents and indicated ignorance of the requirements of short story.

Of the remainder, most were greatly influenced by thriller movies and the more lurid magazines. Comparatively few of the writers who knew what a short story ought to be, drew upon their own experience for materials.

I have given first place to "Randy's Choice." This story is a little awkward in structure, but the writer has a sense of humor and does a very good job at re-creating the atmosphere of a modern high school. She - I imagine the writer is a girl - also presents a number of quite definite characters, has a sense of humor, and manages to sustain interest to the end.

Second place I give to a story that Mr. Gard will like, "The Tale of an Old Pioneer." I was surprised that there were no other tall tales in the submitted stories. This one is not only unique in subject, but it is well handled. The writer is detached and appreciatively humorous.

The third story is "Pal O' Mine." The material is probably outside the experience of the writer but it is handled simply and convincingly. In construction the story shows the same faults as "Randy's Choice." Indeed, I have suspected that it is by the same author.

My feeling is that the Writers' Conference need not be ashamed of giving the prizes to these three stories; but I should have expected a higher standard in the total submissions.

Sincerely yours,

F.M.Salter

Wines Creek, Alberta,
May 28, 1945.

Department of Extension,
University of Alberta,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Sirs:

I, the teacher of Chester School, am sending in our school paper as an entry in your "Creative Writing Competition for Alberta Schools."

We have a two-room rural school here, and the pupils in the senior room (grades V-IX) are putting out this paper every month. They have some subscribers, one of whom is the Editor of the Fairview Post in Fairview, but as a rule they sell most of the papers in the district or in Wines Creek.

Yours respectfully,
(Miss) Solveig Marie Steffensen.

This paper was
written and compiled by
the pupils of Verald. S.S. No. 3492,

Teacher, —
Mrs. J. Hamilton,
Wainwright,
Alberta.

Chauvin, Alberta,

June 1,1945.

Alberta Writers' Conference,

University of Alberta,

Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Sirs,

Under separate cover, I am sending you a Year Book of our school. Kindly enter it in your "A" competition.

Yours truly,

Margaret French

Sec. Treas. of the

Chauvin High School

Students' Union.

Sirs:

we submit our 1945 year book as an entry in your competition.

Yours truly,

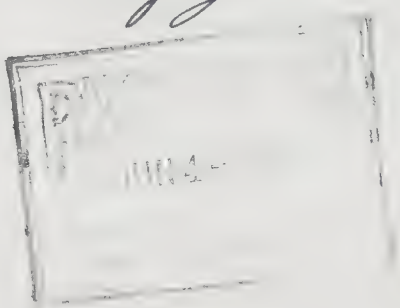
Whitelaw High School

Carmangay Alberta
May 31, 1945

Dept. of Extension
University of Alberta
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Sir.

As editor of the Comet, the paper published by the Carmangay High School I wish to enter the enclosed paper in the Creative Writing Competition for Alberta Schools as outlined in the February issue of the A. T. A. magazine. This will be entered in class A, 2.



Yours truly
Leonard Jeskey
Editor of the Comet.

I hereby certify that this school paper is the work of the students of the Carmangay school.

L. J. McKenzie Jr.
Principal Carmangay School

P.S. This is a 5 room school with 113 students.

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Bassano, Alberta,
May 29, 1945.

Alberta Writers' Conference,
University of Alberta,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed are the copies of the two editions of the "Bassano Junior High School Sentinel" for the year 1944-45.

These sentinels were prepared by the students in Grades VII and VIII. The entry is the work of the students of the class under the direction of their teacher Mrs. M. L. McCullough.

Yours truly,
Ralph V. Kingsdale.
Prin. Bassano School.

Alexandra High School,
Medicine Hat, Alberta,
May 28, 1945.

Department of Extension,
University of Alberta,
Edmonton, Alberta.

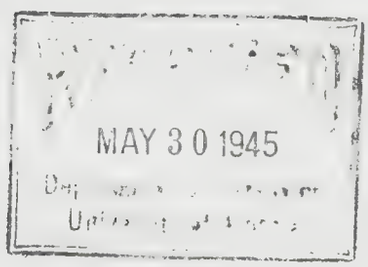
Dear Sirs:

I am enclosing a copy of the Medicine Hat School newspaper "En Avant" for entry in the contest.

Yours truly,

Jean Ironside

Miss Jean Ironside,
Secretary.



536-14 Ave. W.,
Calgary, Alberta
July 25, 1945

Dear Miss Roberta B. Kiefer

Thank you for the information, which I needed, and which you so promptly obtained. I hope games will be alright. I am glad you may be able to find time for preparing the games for use. I shall be at the conference and do my bit.

Yours very truly,
Wm. W. Parker

July 19, 1945.

Mr. [illegible] Parker
536 - 14th Avenue, West,
CALGARY, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Parker:

In reply to your letter of June 20th and one received today.

Mr. Barnes-Sears has just advised us that it will be possible for him to be of assistance at the Writers' Conference and that he will be able, therefore, to give the report. We appreciate your willingness to perform this duty in the absence of Mr. Sears. You can still with your enthusiasm help to put over the conference.

From our files I see that Mr. Card has had a voucher put through in the amount of $51.60 towards your expenses as a delegate to the Conference this year. This amount is made up of $21.60 being train fare from Athabasca to Banff and return, and subsistence for 10 days at the rate of $3.00 per day. Evidently Mr. Card was not sure of your intention of attending the conference at the time of his leaving so that he was not able to advise you.

With respect to your booklet of games. As per our conversation of the other day the publication of these entails quite an amount of careful work. Mr. Card had suggested that if I found time sometime this summer I might work on them and see about photographing them when done. I have had and still have a number of more urgent jobs to do and thus have had no opportunity of doing anything with the games. They definitely will not be ready for the Writers' Conference and I don't see any prospect of doing anything with them before September at the earliest. If you wish to take them to the conference as they now are for display I will be glad to send them on to you.

I am replying to your letter in the absence of Mr. Botsell who had not yet been able to take over his duties as Director of the Folklore Project.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss) Roberta D. Kiefer
for
The Alberta Folklore and
Local History Project.

536 - 14 Ave., West
Calgary, Alberta

Mr. Godsell,
Director of Folk Lore Project,
University of Alberta

Dear Sir: Three weeks ago I wrote you a letter and visited your office in your absence. Your secretary and I talked over the committee work we were finishing up. She also said she would mention my visit. I asked in my letter what assistance I would be offered so I could attend Banff conference. Mr. Yard said I would be needed, and she would see that I received assistance to attend the conference at Banff.

I would like to hear from you at once so I can plan my summer work.

I also asked if you had done anything with my games, which Mr. Yard said he would publish in a booklet. Your secretary said she was working on these. Yours respectfully

Wm. W. Parker

Waskatenau, Alberta,
June 30, 1945.

Mr. Godsell,
Folk-Lore and Local History Project,
Dept of Extension, University.

Dear Sir: I am leaving Waskatenau next week-end for a length of time. I hope I may be able to hear from you before the end of the week. I understood I would be responsible for giving a report of our school contest, a copy of which was mailed me last week. If that is so, I shall attempt to make it interesting and bear fruit for next year. As I was instrumental in obtaining the money for prizes, naturally I feel deeply involved in the success of the contest, and I want express my appreciation of the encouragement Miss Kay Frost and I, as committee members, received from Mr. Cameron, Mrs. Gwen F. Ringwood and Mr. R. E. Gard.

Miss Kay Frost should be complimented for her good work as convenor of this committee.

I have not heard recently what Mr. Gard has done about publishing my booklet of games, but I understood he had edited them and was going to get them printed, as it was his only collection of this kind. I hope it will be available at the Writers' conference at Banff.

I am doing a few short stories and may submit some of them for use at the conference.

Mr. Gard said he liked the three plays I submitted to the play-writing contest. He also wrote lately that I would be needed there and was prepared to recommend me to receive assistance to be present. May I ascertain what assistance is being arranged at your convenience. I am willing to do my best to make this second conference an even better success than was the first Alberta Writers' Conference. Loyal support is your welcome to the work and to our project.

Yours very sincerely,
Wm. W. Parker,
Industrial Arts Instructor
Smoky Lake & Waskatenau

Two Hills, Alberta.
May 28, 1945.

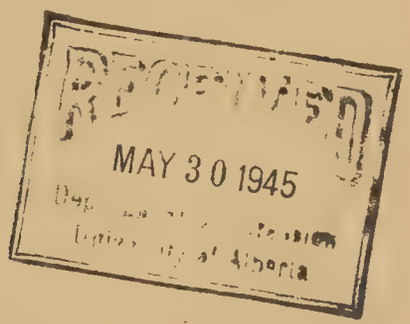
Department Of Extension,
University Of Alberta.
Edmonton, Alberta.

Gentlemen:

We are enclosing herewith two issues of our high school paper which is published every second week by the high school students. Our publication has been constant throughout the entire year.

We wish to enter these in the school paper contest offered by your department.

Thank you.



Yours truly,

Nicken Shukalek
Editor.

Legal High School,
Legal, May 14, 1945.

Department of Extension,
Creative Writing Competition for A.S.
Edmonton.

Dear Sir:

We wish to enter the three enclosed issues of our school paper, "The Literary Gazette" in the Creative Writing Competition for Alberta Schools. If the contest rules do not allow this threefold entry, the February-March issue is our choice.

May we call to your attention the fact that our paper, launched in 1937, has for purpose to serve as a link between our 125 ex-students and those attending Legal High. Since the beginning of the war, we cater more to our 35 or so students in the Forces serving on all fronts.

Yours respectfully,

Rose Dumaine

Editor of the Lit. Gaz.

H. Y. Lapointe, p.g.m.

Principal of Legal High.

"KIEW MEMORIES"

YEAR BOOK COMMITTEE

EDITOR - ELSIE BUSHKO SUB-EDITOR - OLGA CYMBALUK

SECRETARY TREASURER - PETER EWASCHUK

New Kiew, Alberta,

May 31st, 1945

Department of Extension,
"Year Book competition",
University of Alberta,
Edmonton.

Dear Sirs,

We are submitting our Year Book, "Kiew Memories" to the provincial competition for One-room Rural School Yearbooks.

We hope our entry receives favorable consideration,

Yours Truly

Peter Ewaschuk,
Sec-Treas.

Class A for grades I to XII.

Rural School Paper (one room school)

(Turcotte School #384)

NAME:	ADDRESS:	AGE:	GRADE:
Yvonne Saliga,	Villeneuve,	15,	grade 8.
Joan Brinton,	St. Albert,	15,	grade 8.
Pauline Lema,	St. Albert,	13,	grade 7.
Sylvianne Hebert,	St. Albert,	13,	grade 8.
Alice Jensen,	Villeneuve,	13,	grade 7.
Emile Soetaert,	Villeneuve,	13,	grade 7.

Green Meadow School.
Grades II to VII. ages 7 to 12.

teacher - Mrs. R. F. Farbridge

Provost
Alberta.

Sangudo, Alberta,
May 21, 1945.

Mr. Donald Cameron,
Dept. of Extension,
University of Alberta,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing the April issue of our school paper, which we wish to enter in the Creative Writing Contest For Alberta Schools, sponsored by the Provincial Chapter of the I. O. D. E.

Our school, the Sangudo Public School is a two room organization, but the two rooms are in different parts of the village and the paper is entirely the work of the senior room (grades V to IX). The reporting, editing, illustrating, and all articles, except the one by L.H.Peacock, are entirely the work of the pupils. The stencils were cut by the Grade IX typewriting class, and the mimeographing was done at the local school divisional office with pupils assisting.

Respectfully yours,

Teacher.

Publication of the Ruddis School paper, "The Lariat" - Volume 1, No's 3 to 14 (inclusive). to be entered into the Creative Composition for Alberta Schools. Class A. No. 3.

Letter under separate cover in same mail.

Miss N. Larsen.
Teacher - Ruddis School. #233,
Ruddis, Alberta.

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MAY 25 1945
Department of Extension
University of Alberta

Priddis, Alberta
May 23, 1945.

Department of Extension,
University of Alberta,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

I am sending under separate cover copies of our school newspaper, "The Lariat", from December 1st. to June 1st. of this year.

This paper is published by the pupils of Priddis school, #233, Priddis, Alberta. The subscription lists total eighty two, and individual paper sales bring the total to about one hundred copies. The school has thirteen pupils; one grade nine, one grade eight, two grade seven, one grade six, one grade four, three grade three, one grade two, three grade one.

The object of the paper is to send gum and cigarettes overseas to local boys serving in the various services, as well as give training to the children in practical business experience; also entertainment and news for

its readers.

The children do all the work of the paper except the typing. That is my part to do. Ordinary gelatine hectographs are used for the printing of the paper.

If any further information is needed it will be promptly sent upon receipt of your request.

Please enter our paper under Class A - and No. 3. is the number the publication comes under.

Respectfully yours,

(Miss) B. Larsen.

Teacher - Ruddis School #233.

Ruddis, Alberta.

Calling Lake Rural School
District No. 4124.
Calling Lake, Alberta.

Teacher - Norma N. Stinsman,
(Mrs. N. L. Stinsman)

Grades 1 - 9 inclusive
one room school

Leduc Alberta
May 29, 1945

Department of Extension
University of Alberta
Edmonton

Dear Sir,

We wish to enter our school paper, "The Jordan Hill Hi-Flyer," in the competition for one and two-roomed schools. We are a two-roomed school.

I am not sure if I am sending it to the correct address as there was no name and address for mailing in the A. T. A. magazine. If not, would you be kind enough to send it where it should go. We would greatly appreciate that.

Yours truly,
Catherine L. Johnston
Jordan Hill S.D. # 72.